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1. SATURDAY'S PRESS REPORTED THAT 24 PROVINCIAL UNION LEADERS HAD BEEN RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 29 AFTER A WEEK'S DETENTION IN THE LOCAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS. THESE REGIONAL UNION OFFICIALS HAD BEEN ARRESTED WHILE ATTENDING A BARBECUE OUTING (CURRENTLY THE FAVORITE "COVER" FOR INFORMAL POLITICAL MEETINGS).

2. GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE STATED PRIVATELY THAT THE ARRESTS OF THE PROVINCIAL UNION LEADERS WERE NOT A HIGH LEVEL GOA SIGNAL AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITY, BUT RATHER DONE ON THE INITIATIVE OF LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS IN A SUBURB OF SAN ISIDORO. (WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, IF SUCH ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT CHECKING WITH PROVINCIAL OR MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AUTHORITIES.)

3. IN ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT ON FRIDAY, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPORTED THAT 12 PERSONS HAVE BEEN RELEASED

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FROM PEN STATUS, ONE EXPELLED, ONE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND FOUR PERSONS PLACED UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION. THERE WERE NO "HIGH U.S. INTEREST"

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